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Presidents Report

Hi everyone and welcome to Christmas 2024, really where did the year go? so much happening but it still went by so fast.

A big thanks to everyone for your ongoing support, it is this support that drives the whole committee to new heights. There have been a few changes in the commercial world but our relationships with them has grown and we will see support next year from groups that we would not normally have.

It was great to see so many at the Camp oven cook off at Mudgee and looking forward to next years at the same place with some changes that should see a lot more interest for everyone.

We have seen a change in the way we do our quarterly meetings, we have listened to you to work out why there has been a decline in clubs attending them and it appears that you have so much trust in the committee that clubs are comfortable with what we are doing, as nice as this is we still need you to attend. We need your input so we can best meet your needs, also we are going to need every member in the next six months to support us to make sure we don't lose access to the north coast with the development of the Great Koala Park.

The recent change to the constitution is a good step forward in maintaining the longevity of the Association, it has been thirteen years since we have had a fee increase and with our insurance, we have actually seen a decrease in fees.

Please make sure your club's details are up to date on the website so we can stay in touch.

A big thanks for giving me the opportunity to represent you as President for another year, as this will be my last year I hope I get the opportunity to see as many of you as possible.

Well, I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and New Year and please stay safe over the holiday period and will see everyone next year, cheers.

Craig Thomas
President

2025 membership stickers are ready now!.

Contact me with details for posting office@4wdnow.com or 0438 555 387 Maggie

Lavis Lane Pop up Inflation Station
Sat 11th & Sun 12th January 2025

We are running a popup stand again in January 2025. We are strongly encouraging Clubs from the Sydney area to come along and help out. We have found that 2/3rds of the people we spoke to at previous events are from the Sydney region.

What we do, have a chat with people, give them some tips if they are new to beach driving, provide information about the clubs if people want to know more. We also have a compressor so people can inflate their tyres as a way to engage with those that may not

otherwise stop and have a chat. Generally, get the 4WD NSW & ACT brand out in front of 4WDers.

Maybe you feel you don't have the 4WD experience or not sure about chatting with the public, don't let this put you off. We can give knowledge to help & there will be plenty of experienced people on hand & there will be supporting tasks you can help with.

The Association will provide flyers about the Sydney Region and Hunter Region along with a few other flyers for general information. There are also stickers to give out so its easy to approach people as they stop.
We encourage you to bring your club flyers with you to promote your own club.

We are working to make a weekend of it. Camping at Bucketsway camp and stay about 20 mins from the beach, and run a trip on the Sunday.
Let us know if you are coming along or if you have questions

Brock Smith
Hunter Region Secretary
smith_b14@bigpond.com

Clean Up Australia Day 2025
Clubs in the Hunter are hosting an Event for Clean-up Australia Day (2nd March) at Ourimbah State Forest. Ourimbah State Forest is only a short run up the M1 for Sydney Clubs who want to participate.
Register here or scan the QR code https://register.cleanup.org.au/fundraisers/noelskimmingsskimmings/ourimbah--wyong-state-forest

We will be having a sausage sizzle for lunch, provided by Forest Corporation. Want to help but not physical able to participate in the clean-up? Come along and lend a hand on the BBQ or help us with some photos and a report, just let us know. Let us know if you an bring a trailer or a Ute.
Noel Skimmings
Hunter Region Chair
noel.skimmings@gmail.com

17th - 18th May 2025

Do you some cooking skills or just want to have some fun? It's a relaxing weekend to set up camp, spend your days touring in this beautiful part of NSW, and your nights around a fire or having fun at trivia. Powered or unpowered sites available for booking. You could also stay in town in a bit more comfort if that's your thing. We are still working on the details, so for now, put it in your diary and

MUDGEE 2025

watch the newsletters for updates. If you want to help with the planning please contact office@4wdnow.com

Great Camping Facilities

- Camping available from Friday(16th) night to Monday (19th) morning.
- Exclusive lush grass camping area
- Hot showers
- Powered sites
- Welcome pack with event sticker

Saturday

- Cook Off with medals and trophies
- Winery Tour
- 5pm nibbles
- Trivia Night with great prizes
- Touring Trips of the local area
- Observation Rally with prizes
- Treasure Hunt with prizes

Sunday

- Sunday morning breakfast
- Quarterly Meeting with door prize

Tickets available soon - watch the newsletters for more details
Tickets cover all nights 3 nights from Friday to Sunday. Bookings only available though our benefits website. https://benefits.4wdnow.com/
See you at **COCO 2025.**

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE NSW & ACT INC
2024 Committee Election - 16 November 2024

2025 Committee

President: Craig Thomas – ERA Recreational Club Inc
Vice President Clubs: Shane McClymont – Crossed Up 4x4 Club Inc
Vice President Lands: Lee Dunstan – Black Diamond Recreational 4WD Club Inc

Secretary: Rollanda Rosenstrauss – ERA Recreational Club Inc
Treasurer: Tony Ellery – Blue Mountains 4WD Club Inc
Executive: Anthony Timmins – Bungarribee 4WD Club Inc
Brian Bird – Camping with Families (CWF) 4WD Club Inc
John Hurcum – Jackaroo 4WD Club Inc
Robert Matysiak - Sturt 4wd Club

David Wellham
Election Chair & Returning Officer

The proposal to make changes to the constitution was passed at the AGM with 100% support of the members present, on zoom and by proxy vote.
The changes are below highlighted in Yellow
Invoices in June 2025 will reflect these changes.
Here are some examples of how this change could affect your club.
No Club is disadvantaged by these changes.

Current fee structure				
$22.00	current total fees per member including insurance			
$4.30	insurance only component			
Examples of the changes based on current fee				
Club with 65 members				
2024	65 x $22.00	$1,430.00	Votes	1
2025	65 x $22.00	$1,430.00	Votes	2
Club with 130 members				
2024	130 x $22.00	$2,860.00	Votes	2
2025 (120members)	120 x $22.00	$2,640.00		
2025 (10members)	10 x $4.30	$43.00		
		$2,683.00	Votes	2
	annual club saving	$177.00		
Club with 300 members				
2024	300 x $22.00	$6,600.00	Votes	4
2025 (120members)	120 x $22.00	$2,640.00		
2025 (180members)	180 x $4.30	$774.00		
		$3,414.00	Votes	2
	annual club saving	$3,186.00		

The CONSTITUTION will change as below.
Word changing:

10 Subscriptions
(1) The annual membership fee for a member club for a financial year is the a primary amount worked out by multiplying the primary per capita amount by the number of membership fees up to and including 300 collected by the member club during the previous year as notified to the secretary, plus a secondary amount worked out by multiplying the secondary per capita amount by the number of membership fees above 300 collected by the member club during the previous year as notified to the secretary.

10 Subscriptions
(1) The annual membership fee for a member club for a financial year is the a primary amount worked out by multiplying the primary per capita amount by the number of membership fees up to and including 120 collected by the member club during the previous year as notified to the secretary, plus a secondary amount worked out by multiplying the secondary per capita amount by the number of membership fees above 120 collected by the member club during the previous year as notified to the secretary.

Added
10 Subscriptions
(5) Insurance component; Each year the association will obtain an insurance policy to cover the members, the cost will then be passed on to the clubs on a per member price. The clubs have a responsibility to advise the association of its total member numbers. This includes all members above the 120 cap and any life members. (if a clubs membership is per family then that is one member.)

Word changing:
31 Voting
(1) Financial member clubs will have one vote per 75 memberships or part thereof up to a maximum of 4 votes. For the purposes of this clause the
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31 Voting
(1) Financial member clubs will have one vote per 60 memberships or part thereof up to a maximum of 2 votes. For the purposes of this clause the
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Please contact Maggie if you have any questions or comments about the new fee structure.
0438 555 387
office@4wdnow.com

Local emergency info at your fingertips

This summer, be ready to deal with the unexpected by downloading the **Hazards Near Me NSW app** – your official source of emergency information on bushfires, floods and other severe weather events.

Use the app to **set a local Watch Zone** so you receive notifications about emergency situations happening near your premises, staff and clients.

Apps to download

Hazards Near Me NSW
Set up a watch zone to receive notifications on changing conditions.
iOS
Android

Emergency Plus
The 'what 3 words' feature shares your precise location with Emergency Services.
iOS
Android

BOM Weather
Check for weather forecasts and warnings.
iOS
Android

Live Traffic NSW
Plan ahead and see what hazards are impacting your route on NSW roads.
iOS
Android

Download Hazards Near Me app

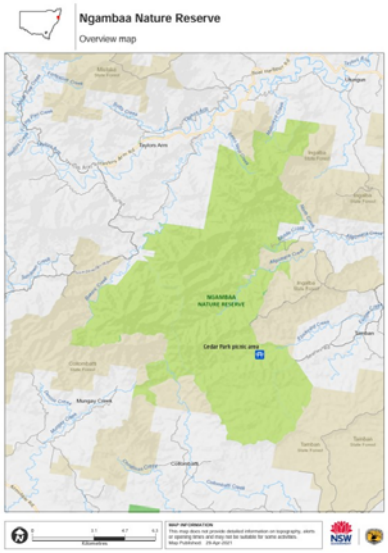
Follow this link to all 4 of the above apps.

Ngambaa Nature Reserve

Ngambaa Nature Reserve is one of the 10 sites comprising the feral predator-free network, one of the most significant threatened-fauna and ecological restoration projects in New South Wales's history.

Of the 10 feral predator-free areas, 7 are being established by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, while the other 3 areas are already operational and managed through partnerships between the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Australian Wildlife Conservancy and the University of NSW (operating as Wild Deserts).

Ngambaa feral predator-free area is approximately 2,000 ha in size and is surrounded by 23 km of conservation fencing. The project will have a measurable benefit for at least 12 threatened animal species, including the re-establishment of up to 8 native mammal species which are now locally extinct in the area.



Map showing the 10 feral predator-free rewilding sites across the NSW national parks estate

Cedar Park picnic area

Ngambaa Nature Reserve

Cedar Park picnic area offers an ideal base for exploring Ngambaa Nature Reserve, with picnic facilities and a walking track close to Kempsey.

Type: Picnic areas

Where: Ngambaa Nature Reserve in North Coast

Accessibility: Easy

What to bring: Hat, sunscreen, drinking water

Please note: Remember to take your binoculars if you want to go bird watching.

Cedar Park picnic area sits on the banks of Stockyard Creek, and takes its name from a stand of red cedars which provide plentiful shade and the tranquil setting for a long picnic or lunch. Particularly in summer, when temperatures soar, this quiet picnic area serves as an ideal respite in the heart of the reserve, with cool running water to bathe the feet in and an orchestra of native birds providing the soundtrack. Rainforest pigeons call from the

trees, whilst noisy pittas and lyrebirds forage in the undergrowth, making it great for birdwatching.

Bring a packed lunch to take advantage of wood barbecues and picnic tables in two open areas, then put on some sturdy shoes for an easy walk. An information display explains the history and significance of Ngambaa, and a trailhead leads onto an easy walking track through surrounding forest, with plenty of places to settle down and enjoy a picnic.

Cedar Park picnic area is mostly visited by people from the local area, so you're likely to have a great deal of privacy and space. It also acts as a great base to get your bearings before delving deeper into Ngambaa Nature Reserve. For directions, safety and practical information, see visitor info

JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.....

Red Cross First Aid Course

I have had a few inquiries about another Sydney Course for members.

If you or your club are interested please email office@4wdnow.com

We need 20 participants to run the course.

Need a ZOOM meeting?

Do you need a zoom meeting for your club?
You are welcome to use the Association account.
Please email Maggie with date, start time and duration.
office@4wdnow.com

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This newsletter is written using information provided by relevant parties.
If I write something that mentions "me or I" and there is no signature
after it then it is a message from me.
If you would like something to be added on behalf of your club
please email office@4wdnow.com.
Anything can be included as long as it's club based and for the benefit of clubs.
The newsletter is monthly (about the first of each month) but we can do an
extra "special" if there is something that is important that we missed.
- Maggie Thomas.

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